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SUBJ: REFUGEES IN ARGENTINA

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1. AS A PRELIMINARY COMMENT, THE EMBASSY REFERS TO CONGRESSMAN KOCH'S REMARKS IN A LETTER TO STATE (PARA 1, REFTEL), THAT "THE ARGENTINA MILITARY ARE COOPERATING WITH THE MILITARY DICTATORSHIPS OF CHILE AND URUGUAY TO ELIMINATE TROUBLESOME EXILES." WE HAVE COMMENTED PREVIOUSLY THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE GOU WAS INVOLVED IN THE MURDERS OF URUGUAYAN EXILES IN ARGENTINA AND GIVEN OUR REASONS FOR SO BELIEVING. WE HOPE THE DEPARTMENT WILL BEAR IN MIND AND MAKE CLEAR AS APPROPRIATE THE TRUE NATURE OF THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT. THIS COUNTRY IS RULED BY A CONSTITUTIONALLY ELECTED CIVILIAN PRESIDENT SERVED BY AN ESSENTIALLY CIVILIAN CABINET IN WHICH THERE IS BUT ONE MILITARY MAN, THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR. THERE IS VERY STRONG MILITARY INFLUENCE IN THE GOU, BUT IT CANNOT BE CALLED A "MILITARY DICTATORSHIP."

2. WITH RESPECT TO PARA 5, REFTEL, WE BELIEVE THAT A SELECTIVE AS OPPOSED TO A BLANKET PROGRAM FOR PAROLING FOREIGN REFUGEES FROM ARGENTINA TO THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE A HUMANITARIAN MOVE IN LINE WITH THE BEST IN AMERICAN TRADITION. SELECTIVITY, HOWEVER, WOULD BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN CHOOSING URUGUAYAN EXILES TO BE PAROLED. MANY OF THE URUGUAYANS EXILED IN ARGENTINA ARE MEMBERS OF THE TERRORIST AND SUBVERSIVE GROUP, THE MLN-TUPAMAROS. AS SUCH THEY SHOULD FALL UNDER THE PURVIEW OF SECTION 212 (A) (28) THEY ARE NOT POLITICAL EXILES BECAUSE OF IDEALS BUT RATHER URBAN GUERRILLAS WHO, FOR YEARS, TERRORIZED THEIR NATION, MURDERING, BURNING, ROBBING, BOMBING AND OTHERWISE WREAKING HAVOC AMONG A PEACEFUL PEOPLE. PAROLING THIS TYPE OF PERSON WOULD MAKE MOCKERY OF OUR PUBLIC STANCE AGAINST

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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f2 TERRORISM AND, AT LEAST IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD, END CHANCES FOR POSITIVE HOST GOVERNMENT RESPONSES TO USG ANT-TERRORIST INITIATIVES. IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN TO THESE COUNTRIES WHY TERRORISM OF THE LEFT IS ACCEPTABLE TO US WHILE TERRORISM OF THE RIGHT IS ABHORENT. THE EMBASSY THUS URGES THAT A PAROLE PROGRAM BE LIMITED TO THOSE FEW URUGUAYANS WHO WENT TO ARGENTINA BECAUSE OF THEIR POLITICAL OPPOSITION TO THIS GOVERNMENT, AND NOT TO ESCAPE PROSECUTION FOR CRIMINAL ACTS AS TERRORISTS. THIS FORMER GROUP IS SMALL IN NUMBER BUT IS DESERVING OF AN OFFER OF SAFEHAVEN IN THE U.S.

3. IN CARRYING OUT ANY SUCH PAROLE PROGRAM, U.S. OFFICIALS WOULD HAVE TO BEAR IN MIND THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF URUGUAYANS IN ARGENTINA ARE NOT THERE FOR POLITICAL REASONS OR BECAUSE OF SUBVERSIVE RECORD; THEY ARE THERE SIMPLY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. THUS CAREFUL SCREENING WOULD BE REQUIRED TO DISTINGUISH THOSE WHO WOULD FALSELY CLAIM POLITICAL REFUGEE STATUS IN ORDER TO GET TO THE U.S. FOR EVEN GREATER ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY.

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